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RIFTS WITHIN THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND ARE GROWING, AS IS THE PRESSURE ON ARMY CHIEF CEDRAS TO STEP DOWN.

TENSIONS BETWEEN CEDRAS AND POLICE CHIEF FRANCUIS, WHICH CAME TO A HEAD LAST WEEK OVER CEDRAS'S UNSUCCESSFUL BID TO INSTALL A JUNTA, HAVE DIVIDED THE GENERAL STAFF. SOME SENIOR COMMANDERS PREVIOUSLY LOYAL TO CEDRAS

ARE UPSET WITH HIS TRANSPARENT POLITICAL MANEUVERS AND ARE NUW LUBBYING FOR HIS RETIREMENT.

SOME LEADING BUSINESSMEN ARE ALSO FRANCOIS TOLD

AIDES THAT HE WILL TELL CEDRAS THAT HE MUST STEP DOWN.

COMMENT: CEDRAS'S SMALL CADRE OF FIERCELY LOYAL SUPPORTERS,
MANY OF WHOM WOULD LOSE THEIR INFLUENCE IF HE WERE TO STEP DOWN, ARE
LIKELY TO TRY TO RALLY SUPPORT BEHIND HIM, PERHAPS LEADING TO A
SHOWDOWN.



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